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### 23 NEW COVID-19 CASES IN ALLEGANY COUNTY SINCE MONDAY

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegheny County Health Department reports that the total cumulative COVID-19 case count for Allegheny County is now at 628. The latest cases include a female and a male in their teens, four females and a male in their 20s, two females in their 30s, two females in their 40s, two females and two males in their 50s, two females and four males in their 60s, a male in his 70s, and a female in her 80s. Only one of the new cases has been hospitalized.

Allegheny County Health Department, along with local health departments across the state, are conducting contact tracing. Contact tracing is the process of identifying people who may have come into contact with an individual with an infectious disease. The process involves identifying infected people, determining who they have been in close contact with while infectious, and asking people who are potentially infected to stay home until it is clear they are not sick.

Maryland has contracted with NORC at the University of Chicago, one of the largest independent social research organizations in the United States, to assist in contact tracing efforts. NORC is conducting contact tracing in Allegheny County along with the Allegheny County Health Department.

If you receive a phone call from "MD COVID," please pick up. It is likely a contact tracer trying to get ahold of you.

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